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SUBJ: INCREASED INTEREST IN NIGER URANIUM

PARIS FOR QUANTON

1. IN RECENT DAYS, DESK HAS HAD TWO SEPARATE APPROACHES ON NIGER URANIUM.

2. MARC GARSIN, REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW YORK CONSULTANT FIRM OF LEON TEMPELSMAN AND SON, INC, CAME IN TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH RUTH MORGENTHAU AND WAS ACTIVELY SEEKING INFORMATION ON URANIUM CONCESSIONS IN NIGER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE AFFIRMED THAT MORGENTHAU CONTRACT FOR NIGER REMAINS IN EFFECT, THAT IT WAS NEVER CANCELLED. HE REVEALED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HIS INTERESTED CLIENTS WERE EXXON AND GULF WESTERN. DESK OFFICER BRIEFED HIM IN GENERAL AS TO KNOWN DEPOSITS IN NIGER AND PRESENT EXPLOITATION OPERATIONS AT ARLIT. GARSIN WAS ADVISED THAT USG UNAWARE OF STATUS EXISTING CONCESSIONS AT OTHER

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DEPOSITS, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS UNDER-
WAY. DEPTOFF URGED GARSIN TO VISIT NIGER TO CONSULT WITH
GON ON SUBJECT, OFFERING EMBASSY'S GOOD OFFICES TO MAKE
APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS. GARSIN PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH.

3. RAYMOND LAMONTAGNE, A PRIVATE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING
U. S. PETROLEUM FIRM PAN OCEAN, CALLED DESK SEEKING INFOR-
MATION ON NIGER URANIUM. STATED THAT PAN OCEAN HAD
RECENTLY COMMISSIONED A GEOLOGIST'S TRIP TO NIAMEY AND THAT
AS RESULT IT ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING URANIUM
CONCESSIONS. DEPTOFF GAVE ROUGHLY SAME RESPONSE AS IN
PARA (2) ABOVE. LAMONTAGNE MAY TRAVEL IN THIRD WEEK JULY
AND DEPT WILL ADVISE IF HE CONTACTS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. ROGERS

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